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Hello,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to express my opinion regarding the proposed Microsoft antitrust settlement. In my opinion, the proposed settlement falls well short of what is needed. In fact, in many ways, it may actually facilitate Microsoft's monopoly position by integrating Microsoft software products into the educational system even earlier and more than they currently are. We need competition and choice in the operating system marketplace; Microsoft has been shown to use unfair practices and a substantial part of their current success is reasonably attributed to those unfair practices. The proposed settlement is, at best, an annoyance for Microsoft, and, at worst, an ally in sustaining their stranglehold on the operating system market.

Sincerely,

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